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Gallatin City-County Health Department

****Health Alert Network (HAN) Message****

Message Type: Alert
To: Health Care Providers
Date: March 26, 2009
Re: Bacterial Meningitis

The Gallatin City County Health Department (GCCHD) has received a report of a presumptive case of **bacterial meningitis in a 17 year old Belgrade student**. GCCHD is currently conducting the follow-up investigation and identifying close contacts that will require prophylactic antibiotic treatment. Updates will follow as appropriate.

Prpphylaxis is recommended for close contacts, such as household members and those who have been exposed directly to a patient's oral secretions through close social contact, such as kissing or sharing toothbrushes or eating utensils.

The health care providers of **identified** close contacts will receive a fax from GCCHD with information identifying their patient as a close contact, as well as preventive treatment information. For more information please refer to the GCCHD website at www.gallatin.mt.gov/health/index.htm or **582-3100**.

Categories of Health Alert Messages:

Health Alert	Conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention.
Health Advisory	Provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action.
Health Update	Provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action.